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Subject [TEA-L] T3 June Announcements

**Hello everyone,
Please read the following announcements regarding your T3 Grants.**

Thanks!

ARRA Reporting

The third quarter ARRA Reporting deadline will be July 5th, 2010, in conjunction with your Expenditure Reporting in TEA's ER system.

Please remember, as of February, there is new guidance changing the methodology for calculating job creation estimates related to ARRA funding. The new guidance requires jobs created to be calculated as full-time equivalents (FTE) on a **quarterly**, rather than cumulatively, basis and specifies that recipients shall report jobs **funded** by ARRA dollars, rather than attempting to determine what jobs were created or retained due to the availability of ARRA funding. For more information, please go to <http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/taa/edstudinit020110.html>.

Please be sure to check TEA's ARRA Stimulus webpage frequently for updates and instructions <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=4570>

Third Quarter Progress Reports

Please remember, progress reports for the T3 Collaborative Grant will be required quarterly, **per member district or charter school**. This quarter's Progress Report deadline is July 10th, 2010. Fiscal Agents, please ensure that all member districts and charter schools submit their progress reports by this deadline. The template for this quarter's progress report is attached here and also posted to the T3 wiki at www.T3grant.wetpaint.com.

Please be sure to include the name of your district in all attached documents you submit with your progress report.

Fiscal agents can submit their entire collaborative's reports in one email or member districts can submit them directly to T3@tea.state.tx.us.

Third Quarter Evaluation Reports

Evaluators, please remember that the third quarter evaluation reports are due on July 10th, 2010. They can be found at www.T3grant.wetpaint.com. Please submit completed evaluation reports to T3@tea.state.tx.us.

Site Visits

Members of TEA's T3 Grant Team enjoyed visits to five of our T3 grantees in May of 2010. El Paso, Williams Preparatory, Lewisville, Arlington, and Region 20 were very gracious in allowing us to visit and share their successes with us. We were pleased to witness teachers and students utilizing T3 technology in their classrooms. The students appeared engaged, enthusiastic, and knowledgeable when using their iPods, netbooks, digital cameras, laptops, student response systems, and interactive whiteboards in the classes we observed. We had the chance to speak with administrators, instructional technologists, principals, teachers, and students and hear about the positive impact the T3 funding is making in their

schools through extensive professional development and technology purchases. We look forward to planning more visits for this fall. Please be sure to let us know if there is a certain event or particular time that you would like us to visit your area to showcase your collaborative's hard work.

Reminder: Make Your Plans to Attend the Vision 2020/Target Tech (T3) Joint Conference

This year's leadership conference will be a joint conference for Vision 2020 and T3 grantees. Vision 2020 grant awardees should attend August 3 (8:30am-4:00pm) and August 4 (8:00am-4:00pm). **T3 grant awardees should attend August 4 (8:00am-4:00pm), and August 5 (8:00am-4:00pm).** Schools awarded both grants should attend all three days.

The conference will be held in Austin, TX at the Airport Hilton.

Conference presentations will focus on grant requirements, identification of best practices, as well as, sharing of tools and resources from district and charters implementing successful programs.

Audience: Grant project coordinators, principals, counselors, teachers, and any other staff responsible for the successful implementation of the Vision 2020 or T3 grant.

Conference fee: \$150 per person for 2 days, \$200 for 3 days.

Please note that the conference registration fee is an allowable grant expense for staff actively involved with campuses implementing the Vision 2020 or T3 grants. Grantees are responsible for budgeting for these expenses.

Conference registration deadline is June 30, 2010.

Please go to <http://www.region10.org/instructionalTechnology/grantconference/> to register for the conference and for the hotel and for additional information. We can't wait to see everyone there!

ARRA Funding Reminder

As everyone knows by now, it is imperative that we spend the ARRA funding swiftly and impeccably. We have pulled an Expenditure Report reflecting expenditures to date. Many collaboratives are doing an outstanding job drawing down their funds. We continue to see collaboratives who have spent less than 10% of their T3 funds. As we enter the third quarter, we expect to see more funds drawn down from all grantees.

Please ensure that your T3 grant program is fully committed to the direction provided by the US Congress and Secretary of Education. As ARRA recipients, it is essential that funding is being utilized in a timely manner to not only stimulate the economy and provide jobs, but also to benefit our Texas students by providing technology-rich classrooms with engaging lessons as soon as possible. The expectation of the ARRA funding is to utilize funding immediately to help you reach your goals and to assist in stimulating the economy. The ARRA funding is currently being closely monitored by the US government and it is of highest importance that the State of Texas is compliant with its direction and reporting requirements.



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